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: GROUP: 2827

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SERIAL NUMBER: 09/647,648

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Component Carrier

37 CFR 1.97 COMBINED ELECTRONIC AND PAPER IDS STATEMENT

In the December 17, 2002 OG Notice, the Office stated that "only a single fee under 37 CFR 1.17(p) will be required under the following conditions: (1) the fee required by 37 CFR 1.17(p) is included with the first electronic submission (since it will normally be processed first); (2) all subsequent submissions making up the IDS should explicitly state that the fee was included in the earlier submission and request that the one submitted fee be accepted for the second and any subsequent submission; and (3) all subsequent submissions (electronic or paper) must be received by the Office on the same date as the first electronic submission with which the fee was included."

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.97

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SIR:

Applicant(s) wish to disclose the following information.

REFERENCES

The applicant(s) wish to make of record the references listed on the attached reference citation list. Copies of the listed references are being submitted herewith or, were submitted in the parent or grandparent application, where required, as were either statements of relevancy or any readily available English translations of pertinent portions of any non-English language references, or cited by the examiner. US Patent Publications are being submitted electronically prior to or on the day this paper is filed.

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Attached is a list of applicant's pending application(s) or issued patent(s) which may be related to the present application.
A copy of the patent(s), including its specification and claims is attached along with PTO 1449.

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- ☐ Each item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.
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PETITION

☐ Applicant(s) hereby request consideration of the attached information. A check is attached in the amount of the Petition fee required under 37 CFR §1.17(i)(1).

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Examiner: Jeremy NORRIS

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Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

- 1. 37 CFR 1.97 Combined Electronic and Paper IDS Statement (1 Page)
- 2. 37 CFR 1.97 Information Disclosure Statement
- 3. 37 CFR 1.98 Content of Information Disclosure Statement
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- 5. Copies of Reference Citation Lists of Record in Priority Applications: (Lists Numbered 39-48, 96, 97, 109)
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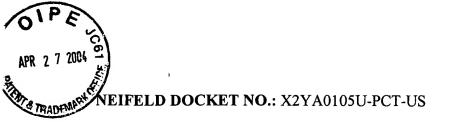
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37 CFR 1.98 Content of Information Disclosure Statement

I. INTRODUCTION

37 CFR 1.98 reads as follows:

- § 1.98 Content of information disclosure statement.
 - (a) Any information disclosure statement filed under § 1.97 shall include:
- (1) A list of all patents, publications, applications, or other information submitted for consideration by the Office;
 - (2) A legible copy of:
- (i) Each U.S. patent application publication and U.S. and foreign patent;
- (ii) Each publication or that portion which caused it to be listed;
- (iii) For each cited pending U.S. application, the application specification including the claims, and any drawing of the application, or that portion of the application which caused it to be listed including any claims directed to that portion; and
- (iv) All other information or that portion which caused it to be listed; and
- (3)(i) A concise explanation of the relevance, as it is presently understood by the individual designated in § 1.56(c) most knowledgeable about the con-tent of the information, of each patent, publication, or other information listed that is not in the English language. The concise explanation may be either separate from applicant's specification or incorporated therein.
- (ii) A copy of the translation if a written English-language translation of a non-English-language document, or portion thereof, is within the possession, custody, or control of, or is readily avail-able to any individual designated in § 1.56(c).
- (b)(1) Each U.S. patent listed in an information disclosure statement must be identified by inventor, patent number, and issue date.
- (2) Each U.S. patent application publication listed in an information disclosure statement shall be identified by applicant, patent application publication number, and publication date.

- (3) Each U.S. application listed in an information disclosure statement must be identified by the inventor, application number, and filing date.
- (4) Each foreign patent or published foreign patent application listed in an information disclosure statement must be identified by the country or patent office which issued the patent or published the application, an appropriate document number, and the publication date indicated on the patent or published application.
- (5) Each publication listed in an information disclosure statement must be identified by publisher, author (if any), title, relevant pages of the publication, date, and place of publication.
- (c) When the disclosures of two or more patents or publications listed in an information disclosure statement are substantively cumulative, a copy of one of the patents or publications may be submitted with-out copies of the other patents or publications, provided that it is stated that these other patents or publications are cumulative.
- (d) A copy of any patent, publication, pending U.S. application or other information, as specified in paragraph (a) of this section, listed in an information disclosure statement is required to be provided, even if the patent, publication, pending U.S. application or other information was previously submitted to, or cited by, the Office in an earlier application, unless:
- (1) The earlier application is properly identified in the information disclosure statement and is relied on for an earlier effective filing date under 35 U.S.C. 120; and
- (2) The information disclosure statement submitted in the earlier application complies with paragraphs (a) through (c) of this section. [42 FR 5594, Jan. 28, 1977; para. (a) 48 FR 2712, Jan. 20, 1983, effective date Feb. 27, 1983; 57 FR 2021, Jan. 17, 1992, effective Mar. 16, 1992; revised, 65 FR 54604, Sept. 8, 2000, effective Nov. 7, 2000; paras. (a)(2) and (b) revised, 65 FR 57024, Sept. 20, 2000, effective Nov. 29, 2000]

II. SHOWING OF COMPLIANCE WITH 37 CFR 1.98

The attached IDS complies with rule 1.98 because:

It complies with section (a)(1) by including a list of all patents, publications, applications, or other information submitted for consideration by the Office. See the reference citation list contained in the IDS filed herewith.

It complies with section(a)(2) because it contains a legible paper or electronic copy of:
(i) Each U.S. patent application publication and U.S. and foreign patent; (ii) Each publication or that portion which caused it to be listed; and (iii) For each cited pending U.S. application, it includes the application specification including the claims, and any drawing of the application, or that portion of the application which caused it to be listed including any claims directed to that portion; and (iv) for all other information which caused it to be listed.

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It complies with (c) by making no statement.

It complies with (d) by including a copy of any patent, publication, pending U.S. application or other information, as specified in paragraph (a) of this section, listed in the IDS, unless the cited patent, publication, pending U.S. application or other information was previously submitted to, or cited by, the Office in an earlier application and (1) The earlier application is properly identified in the IDS and is relied on for an earlier effective filing date under 35 U.S.C. 120; and (2) The IDS submitted in the earlier application complies with

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A CD containing image copies of <u>all</u> of the references noted in the attached reference citation list is being filed herewith for the examiner's convenience.

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NEIFELD DOCKET NO: X2YA0010U/US

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IN RE APPLICATIONS OF: Anthony

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APPLICATION NO: 10/237,079

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Title: Universal Energy Conditioning Interposer with Circuit Architecture

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10/369,335	X2YA0100U-US-C4	Allowed	Polymer Fuse & Filter

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37 CFR 1.183 PETITION TO WAIVE PORTION OF THE IDS RULES
FILE A REDUCED SET OF REFERENCES

I. Statement of the Precise Relief Requested

The applicant requests that the Office waive the IDS rules to the extent of allowing the applicant to file a single paper photocopy of about 72 foreign patent publication references (FPats) and 82 non patent references (Os) with this petition instead of filing a single paper copy in each one of the 24 applications noted above. AKA a "reduced set" for non US patent literature.

II. Statement of Material Facts in Support of the Petition

0. The following 24 applications are owned by the same entity and, generally speaking, are directed to the same field of technology (relating to energy conditioning, surge protection, and noise suppression).

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1. I was informally advised by the Petitions Office/Office of Legal Counsel that the PTO is NOT likely to agree to allow filing of a "reduced set" of USPs and PGPs because Office policy was to encourage use of the electronic IDS submission format for USPs and PGPs. I (and my

staff) are in the process of preparing e-IDS submissions for US patent and US patent publication portions of the IDSs to which this petition relates

- 2. I was informally advised by the Petitions Office/Office of Legal Counsel that the PTO would entertain a petition to allow filing of a "reduced set" of Fpats and Os if there was a suitable showing under 1.183.
- 3. The assignee of all of these applications transferred responsibility for prosecution to my firm, starting in the fall of 2003. Transfer of a large number of paper files (over 200 application files) followed. Transfer in and review took several months due to identification of inaccuracies in priority claims, inventorship, and issued patents, and corrections thereof in the PTO and other patenting offices around the world. That transfer in process is now substantially complete.
- 4. I noted that all of the client's patent applications are, generally speaking, in one field of technology; relating to energy conditioning, surge protection, and noise suppression.
- 5. During the transfer in process, I and my staff collated and assembled the prior art transferred to us along with the client's patent files from both U.S. and foreign prosecution files. I also noted certain additional references that came to our attention in relation to this client. As a result, I identified 339 USPs, 69 PGPs, 72 Fpats and 82 Os relating to this technology.
- 6. USPs and PGPs may be relatively efficiently submitted to the Office in electronic IDS submissions. Fpats and Os cannot.
- 7. I noted that all of the client's patent applications are, generally speaking, in one field of technology; relating to energy conditioning, surge protection, and noise suppression. Therefore, references cited in one application are likely to be material to references cited in another application, even when there is no common priority claim.

- 8. Depending upon the application, either none or a relatively small number of the 408 US patent document references and 154 other references are cited in any given application. I understand that the reason for lack of citation relates to prior counsel's practice of citing in a U.S. application only those references cited in a corresponding foreign application and applications to which the subject U.S. application claims priority. My basis for this understanding was my review of original reference citations lists forwarded to me by prior counsel, because those lists were organized by what appeared to be attorney docket number family.
- 9. It would be a substantial burden to produce 24 paper copies of all or even a portion of all of these references. Specifically, the 72 Fpats and 82 Os relating to this technology consume about 6000 pages. 24 copies thereof would consume about 144,000 pages of paper, requiring between 24 and 48 standard 15 inch long cardboard boxes for proper storage. In addition, assuming \$0.05 per copy page, the cost of that production would be over \$7000.00.
- 10. I have not reviewed all of the Fpat and O references to make a determination of materiality under 37 CF 1.56. However, I have reviewed some of those references in the course of analyzing and preparing additional claims for pending X2Y U.S. and foreign applications, and I know that at least some of them are material. For example, I have reviewed the figures in reference cited as F-010. The drawings of F-010 appear to be material to many of the claims in many of the 24 U.S. applications noted above because the drawings disclose a similar structure. The reference cited as O-010 is a translation of F-010. O-010 is material because it explains the structure shown in the drawings in F-010. The reference cited as O-064 is a translation of the abstract of F-010. It is material for the same reason as O-010.
- 11. I have also reviewed the drawings in foreign language documents F-012, F-0124, F-015, and F016. I believe that each of these references discloses features that an examiner may consider material to claims in various ones of the noted 24 pending U.S. applications. I do not believe that any claim now pending is unpatentable over any of these references. However, I do believe I am under a duty under rule 56 to site these references. Most of the other Fpat and O references were cited in some other U.S. or foreign application corresponding to one of the U.S.

application noted above, or corresponding to a now issued or abandoned application in the same technology field, and therefore should be cited under rule 56 as possibly material.

- 12. I agree to file a copy of this petition along with a corresponding IDS in each application identified above upon filing that IDS.
- 13. If the decision on this petition so requires, I agree to file a copy of the decision on the petition in each application identified above in which a corresponding IDS is filed.
- 14. I intend to file a CD containing each of the noted references and the master list of references, along with each IDS filed for an application noted above, for the examiner's convenience.
- 14. Attached to the original of this petition (but not to each copy of the petition I subsequently file in any of the other applications) are the following items:

 The IDS for attorney docket number X2YA0010U/US, which is application number 10/237,079, including:
- 1. Check for petition fee (\$130.00)
- 2. Transmittal Letter and Authorization to Charge Deposit Account (2 pages)
- 3. 37 CFR 1.97 Information Disclosure Statement
- 4. 37 CFR 1.98 Content of Information Disclosure Statement
- 5. List of References Cited by Applicant
- 6. Copies of Reference Citation Lists of Record in Priority Applications: (List numbered 5-8, 29-38, 51, 52, 57-60, 63, 64, 68-73, and 99)
- CD Containing Copies of Every Reference Listed in Attached Reference Citation List;
 and Copies of Reference Citation Lists numbered 1-108 of record in various priority
 applications

III. Reasons Why the Relief Requested Should be Granted

37 CFR 1.183 allows the Director to waive rules in extraordinary situations where justice requires.

This situation is extraordinary due to the magnitude of the number of references (154), the number of cases in which they must be filed (currently 24), the number of copies in involved (about 144,000), and the needless cost (about \$7000.00) associated therewith. These references must be submitted because the applicant is under a rule 56 duty to do so. As noted in the facts section, at least some of these references are material, and the various examiners is likely to conclude that others are relevant upon examination of claims in these cases.

Justice requires the Director waive the rule because doing so will: reduce the PTO's own costs in duplicating the reference scan in process 24 times for the same 6000 pages of references and to enable the applicant to rapidly file the IDS submissions in each of up to 24 applications to comply with rule 56.

I note here that the rules are imposed by the Director to promote certain policy goals, such as valid patents and reduced burden on the PTO. Where, as here, the burden on the PTO in a particular situation will be reduced, and there are no competing interests, an extraordinary situation exists for which the Director has the discretion to hold that justice requires waiver, within the meaning of 37 CFR 1.183. Case law makes it clear that the Director must grant a 1.183 petition in certain circumstances, such as where rights will otherwise be lost. Cf. Helfgott v. Dickensen 209 F.3d 1328, *; 2000 U.S. App. LEXIS 6922, **; 54 U.S.P.Q.2D (BNA) 1425 ("With Helfgott's 37 C.F.R. § 1.183 petition before him, the Commissioner was required to grant Helfgott the relief sought, which was to allow the correction of the errors in the Demand without loss of the October 21, 1996 filing date. Upon remand, we leave it to the Commissioner's sound discretion to determine which procedural route is best traveled to secure this result.") This case does not involve loss of substantive exclusive rights, as in Helfgott. However, the Director certainly has discretion to determine that justice requires action when that action is in the PTO's and the applicant's patent processing cost related interests to do so.

I should also point out that several (5) of the 24 applications noted recently received office actions, and it is likely that many of the others will receive office actions in the next two

months; prompt filing of the IDSs, which will be facilitated by grant of this petition, will avoid delay and work in examination of those applications. Thus, granting the petition may speed up submission and consideration of IDS material by the examiners, thereby resulting in more rapid issuance of patents, preventing loss of right to a portion of that patent term.

Generally speaking, granting the petition will reduce the burden on the PTO and the applicant in properly submitting the references in each patent application.

VII. Closure

Should the petitions examiner have any questions, he is urged to contact the undersigned at 703-415-0012 ext. 21.

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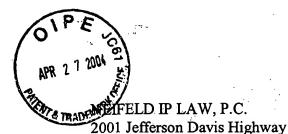
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Inventor: ANTHONY ET AL.

Title: UNIVERSAL ENERGY CONDITIONING INTERPOSER

WITH CIRCUIT ARCHITECTURE

THE FOLLOWING HAS BEEN RECEIVED IN THE U.S. PATENT OFFICE ON THE DATE STAMPED HEREON:

1. Check for \$130.00 (Petition fee)

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